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2 In the Matter of:

No. 20A-021-INS DEPT OF INSURANCE BY 45 03/09/3050

FABIOLA ORTIZ

and

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

B&B PROPERTY DAMAGE MANAGEMENT

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Respondents.

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that Fabiola Ortiz and B&B Property Damage Management (collectively "Respondents") have acted as an adjuster by negotiating settlement of claims and receiving compensation without an active insurance adjuster license, in violation of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S"). Accordingly, the Interim Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Director") makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters the following Order pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-292.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about November 6, 2019, the Department received a complaint from Farmers Insurance Company of Arizona ("Farmers") alleging that Ortiz, an unlicensed adjuster, negotiated an injury settlement claim for a client.
- 2. B&B Property Damage Management ("B&B") is a business entity run and operated by Fabiola Ortiz ("Ortiz"). B&B is neither registered as a business entity with the Arizona Corporation Commission nor as a trade name with the Arizona Secretary of State.
- Respondents' only known business address is: 6502 North 35th Avenue, Suite 5,
 Phoenix, AZ 85017.

- 4. B&B's website¹ advertises "Legal Services in Phoenix" and that B&B is "dedicated to our clients' best interests and will not hesitate to help you receive the maximum compensation you deserve and get you reimbursed for the damages to your car, Injuries [sic] and more." At all relevant times, neither Respondent was certified by the Arizona Legal Document Preparer Board. B&B's website remains active.
- 5. On October 14, 2019, Ortiz wrote to Farmers, "We are still entitle [sic] to a full reimbursement of loss of use!! He will NOT ACCEPT only 3 days that's unfair for them . . . We will agree to settle the loss of use for \$300 (10 days at \$30 per day.)"
- 6. On January 31, 2020, Ortiz appeared at the Department for an Examination Under Oath ("EUO"). Ortiz confirmed that B&B is her business and acknowledged that she markets "legal services" although she is neither an attorney nor a certified legal document preparer. Ortiz denied acting as an adjuster and stated she was simply helping a friend. However, Ortiz admitted performing similar activities in the past for at least ten (10) individuals. Ortiz accepted compensation totaling \$300 for services rendered in the Farmers' case. Respondents are not licensed as an adjuster in this or any other State.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes adjusting, investigating or negotiating settlement of claims arising under property and casualty insurance contracts on behalf of either the insurer or the insured, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-321(1)(a).
- 3. Respondents' actions require an adjuster's license, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-321.01.

¹ https://bb-property-damage-management.business.site/

4. Grounds exist, pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-292, for the Director to order Respondents to cease and desist engaging in the violation or doing any act in furtherance of the violation of A.R.S. § 20-321(1)(a).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondents shall immediately cease and desist from unlawfully acting as an adjuster and negotiating settlement of claims in the State of Arizona.
- 2. This Order shall become effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise stayed, modified, vacated or set aside.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Title 20 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondents are hereby notified that they may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-161 to contest the order to cease and desist. Such a request must be in writing and received at the following address within thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

Attention: Deian Ousounov, Regulatory Legal Affairs Officer Arizona Department of Insurance 100 N. 15th Ave., Ste. 261 Phoenix, AZ 85007-2630

Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the Director will issue an order setting the time and place of the hearing.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this ______ day of _______, 2020.

SCOT BOCKENBERG, Deputy Director for CHRISTINA CORIERI, Interim Director Arizona Department of Insurance

1	COPY of the foregoing mailed by U.S. First Class Mail and Certified Mail,
2	return receipt requested, and emailed this <u>for</u> day of <u>March</u> , 2020, to:
3	Fabiola Ortiz
4	6502 N 35th Ave., Ste. 5 Phoenix, AZ 85017
5	Respondent
6	B&B Property Damage Management 6502 N 35th Ave., Ste. 5
7	Phoenix, AZ 85017
8	Fabylegalservices@gmail.com Respondent
9	COPY of the foregoing delivered, same date, to:
10	Deian Ousounov, Regulatory Legal Affairs Officer Catherine M. O'Neil, Consumer Legal Affairs Officer
11	Ana Starcevic, Paralegal Project Specialist
12	Steven Fromholtz, Licensing Division Manager Wendy Greenwood, Investigations Supervisor
13	Alexis Ortiz, Administrative Enforcement Investigator Arizona Department of Insurance
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